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Application No.: 09/991,168**Customer No.: 22927****Attorney Docket No.:** 01-040**Date Filed:** November 14, 2001**Title:** DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING
PAYOUTS BASED ON ACTIVITY AND RANKS OF
OTHER GAMING SESSIONS**Applicants:** PACKES, JR., et al.**Group Art Unit:** 3713**Examiner:** EPSHTEYN, Alexander
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action re-mailed April 26, 2006 (Paper No. 20060425), please consider the following remarks.

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